

Bishop and Mrs. J. W. Smith are receiving many social honors from their friends in North Carolina.

The Paragrophic News this week was crowded out last week by Christmas matter.

Mr. I. H. Upshaw, who has been confined to his bed by sickness, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Charles S. Smith, who was a patient at Freedmen's Hospital, has returned to her home, Charlotte, N. C., and is improved in health.

Miss Della Horston is able to be out again after several weeks of sickness.

Mr. Chester Gardner, recently appointed to a position in the Executive Mansion, is one of the best and oldest citizens of Albany, N. Y.

Mrs. Mamie Reeder has returned to Newport News. She was here visiting her husband, Mr. Charles Reeder.

Mrs. H. M. Minton, who was here visiting, returned to her home last week.

Mrs. Minnie Minor, who has been very sick, is slowly improving.

Mr. W. R. Wilson, of Philadelphia, spent some time here visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Lewis Holloway and wife and Mrs. T. H. James expect to spend the Christmas holidays in Washington.

Miss Mabel Williamson has returned from Philadelphia, where she went to visit her parents.

Rev. and Mrs. William J. Howard have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Bertha Grace, to Mr. George F. Collins, Wednesday, December 25th, at noon, at Zion Baptist Church. Reception from one to three o'clock at 100 Massachusetts avenue Northwest.

Attorney Thomas L. Jones left the city Thursday for Philadelphia, Pa., where he is booked to speak.

Mrs. M. C. Maxfield has been confined to her home on account of illness.

Mrs. M. J. Cooper, former principal of the M Street High School, made the principal address at the mass meeting held last Sunday afternoon, December 15, at the Union Wesley Church, Twenty-third street between L and M streets, northwest, in the interests of the National Training and Industrial Institute to be established in the District of Columbia for the benefit of colored boys and girls.

Miss Marion T. Scott, of 903 Ninth street northeast, expects as her guest during the Christmas holidays Miss Willie Ann Winston, of Richmond, Va., niece of Mr. W. W. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pollard, of this city, but who are visiting friends in New York, were entertained nicely while there by Mr. and Mrs. Stewart.

Mr. Phil Shipley, of Baltimore, Md., was the guest of Mr. Elbert Corbett Sunday last.

Dr. S. L. Corrothers will begin a series of sermons Sunday, December 23. It is hoped he will have much success during his revival services.

There will be a mass meeting at the church (Galbraith) Monday evening, December 24. All are invited.

Miss Lillian Griffin, one of the young ladies of Miss Eva Thompson's class, who was only sick about a week, was buried Wednesday, December 18, 1907. Dr. Corrothers delivered the sermon, assisted by Rev. W. J. Howard, of Zion Baptist Church.

BANTUM THOMPSON.
From the Afro-American Ledger.

Miss Bessie Thompson and Mr. James Bantum were the principals in a very pretty home wedding on Thanksgiving night. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Emma Thompson, 2217 Druid Hill avenue, and was performed by Rev. E. S. Williams, pastor of Asbury M. E. Church. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Walter Langley. Miss Mamie Jones served as bridesmaid, and Miss Ellen Lee of Washington was maid of honor. Mr. J. Chandler Jackson of Coatesville, Pa., was best man. A reception followed the ceremony. The groom is vice-principal of the Waesche Street School. Mr. and Mrs. Bantum will reside at 2217 Druid Hill avenue.

HANDEL'S ORATORIO, "THE MESSIAH,"
And a high-class \$25,000 concert will

be rendered New Year's Night, Wednesday, January 1, 1908. Grand opening of the New Cosmopolitan Temple Baptist Church, N street between Ninth and Tenth streets northwest, Rev. Simon P. W. Drew, D.D., LL.D., Ph.D., pastor, will render the great "Hallelujah Chorus" of Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," under the auspices of the Cosmopolitan Temple Choral Union of one hundred voices, Prof. W. A. Adams, director, assisted by Prof. H. M. Perry and his choir, of Ebenezer M. E. Church.

Addresses will be delivered by prominent speakers, including Hon. B. H. Warner; Hon. William T. Vernon, Register of the Treasury; Hon. John Dancy, Recorder of Deeds; Judge E. M. Hewlett; Hon. H. Rufus White, dean of the Law Department, Christ's College, Baltimore, Md.; Hon. George H. White, president of the People's Savings Bank, Philadelphia; Hon. Ralph W. Taylor.

Admission: Adults, \$1.00; reserved seats, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Children under fourteen years of age, accompanied by parent or guardian, admitted free.

Sunday services free to all. Dedication and baptizing.

Dr. Drew will speak to the children. All children that attend the Sunday school exercises Sunday, January 5th, at 9:30 a.m., will receive a New Year's present. Get your tickets at once from Dr. Drew's residence, 2014 Eighth street northwest. Dr. Drew's new church has purchased one of the best and largest pieces of property of any colored church in this city, worth from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Sunday January 5th at 11 a.m., Dr. Drew will preach; subject: "The Benevolence of God." At 12:30 p.m., baptizing. At 3 p.m., Dr. George Kenard, dean of Christ's College, Baltimore, Md., will preach to the United States Club. At 8 p.m. Dr. Drew will preach; subject: "Entering the Promised Land." At 9 p.m., Communion, and hand of fellowship extended to new members.

Sunday, January 12th, at 11 a.m., the great church builder and financier, Rev. N. S. Epps, D.D., pastor of the Mercy Seat Baptist Church, of New York, will preach. At 3 p.m., the great pulpit orator, Rev. M. W. Clair, Ph.D., pastor of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, will preach to the Kentucky Club; subject: "The Influential Character of Joseph." At 8 p.m., dedicatory services, Rev. R. D. Wynn, D.D., pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, of Newark, N. J.; Dr. N. S. Epps, and the Father of the Negro Baptist Ministry of the United States will officiate.

Tuesday, January 14th, at 3 p.m., the Rev. M. W. Gilbert, A.B., B.D., A.M., D.D., pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist Church of New York will deliver one of his famous lectures; subject: "The Great Crisis and How to Meet It." Other speakers will be announced later.

The above will be followed by a reception to the distinguished visitors, Drs. Wynn, Epps, Dixon and Gilbert. The dedicatory services will continue until February 12, 1908, Lincoln's birthday anniversary.

Rev. Dr. R. J. Brown, of the Day Star Baptist Church, and president of the Negro Baptist Preachers' Union of New York, will preach Sunday, January 19th.

AUTHORS' NIGHT AT THE MU-SO-LIT CLUB.

The friends and members of the Mu-So-Lit Club were treated to a program of rare excellence and beauty, Friday evening, in the parlors of the Washington Conservatory of Music, 902 T street northwest. The executive committee had prepared a carefully selected list of authors whose lineage was of Negro blood or putatively so, and assigned them speakers as follows:

"Dunbar's Place in Literary World," Lieut. T. H. R. Clarke; "Douglass," Hon. W. T. Vernon; "Dunbar, Poet and Home," Hon. Ralph W. Tyler; "Dumas," R. H. Terrell; "Wheatly," R. C. Bruce; "DuBois," Mr. O. L. Mitchell; "Braithwaite," Prof. Kelly Miller; recitation, Mr. E. L. Guy; music, Mess. T. B. Amas and Dr. C. S. Wormley.

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to compare and analyze the thought and soul as expressed in verse or prose. Said Register Vernon, in speaking of Douglass: "When I think of Douglass, born a slave and escaping from his masters, when in the broad load of ours, the home of the free and the land of the brave, with no place where he could lay his hands and call his own; when I think of him refusing to dwell in England, but preferring to return to his brethren in slavery, I feel that as God raised up Moses, and Paul and a host of others for a special mission, that he also raised up Douglass. It is marvelous to consider this man who, at first hesitating and halting in speech, could not tell his story, finally raised to such a pinnacle of oratory, statesmanship and diplomacy that the world was his audience."

Auditor Tyler, with a becoming modesty, paid tribute to the life and works of Paul Laurence Dunbar, and said: "I believe that today Dunbar in spirit communes with the spirits of Lowell, Whitier, Longfellow, and the great minds of the past and present, for he was one of them."

Lieut. Thomas H. R. Clarke delighted his hearers with a carefully prepared presentation of Dunbar's place in the literary world. After a brief resume of the history of literary effort in America, dealing particularly with the South as to its decadence and paucity of contribution to real literature, Lieutenant Clarke said: "The rise of American literature has been credited to Washington Irving, and it was in his verse that for the first time we were able to meet the gibe and taunt, 'Who reads an American book?' Phillis Wheatly died two years before Washington Irving was born, but she had already had encomiums from the British critics. An impartial future critic of American literature will place Phillis Wheatly as the legitimate forerunner and founder of this literature, and not Washington Irving." Referring to Dunbar's "When the Day Is Done," which he read with great effect, he said: "Who but Dunbar could have written this? Only Poe might have done so, for he had the soul and the genius; but, like Dunbar, he had not felt the sting of ostracism and contumely of which he speaks."

The other speakers did equal justice to their subjects, and the evening closed with a collation to the guests and members. The president of the Club is Dr. W. Bruce Evans; secretary, Mr. Albertus Brown; financial secretary, Mr. W. H. Haynes; chairman of executive committee, Mr. A. H. Glenn.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The annual election and installation of the officers of the Baptist Sunday School Union, a body corporate, under the laws of the District of Columbia for the years 1907-08, was held in the Second Baptist Church, Third street northwest, of which Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, is pastor, Tuesday, the 3rd inst.

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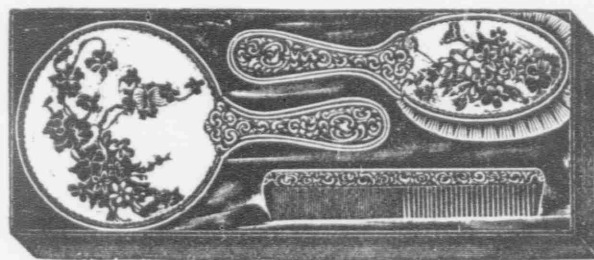
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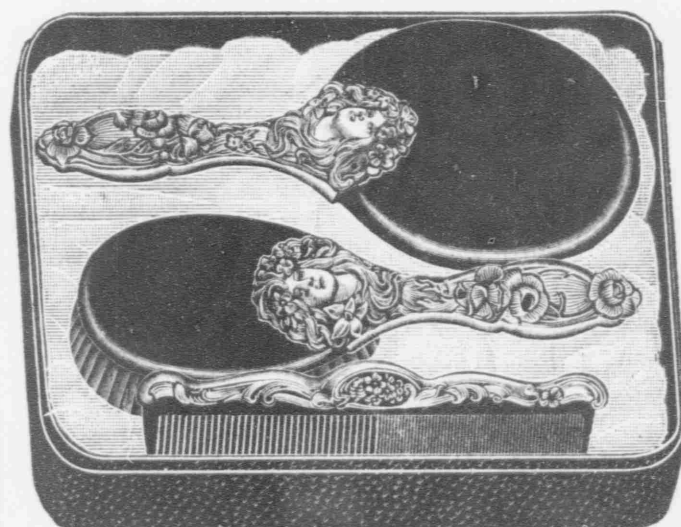
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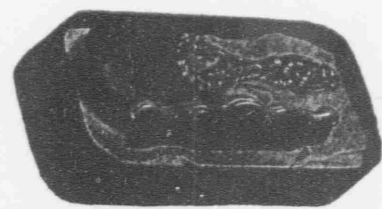
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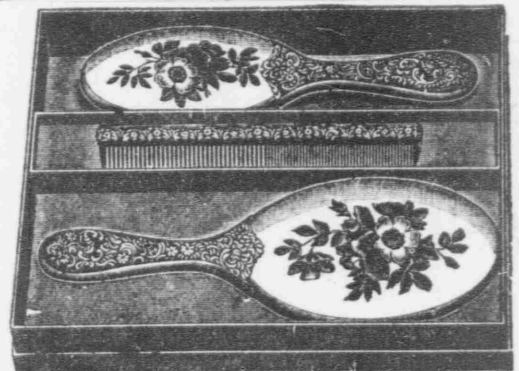
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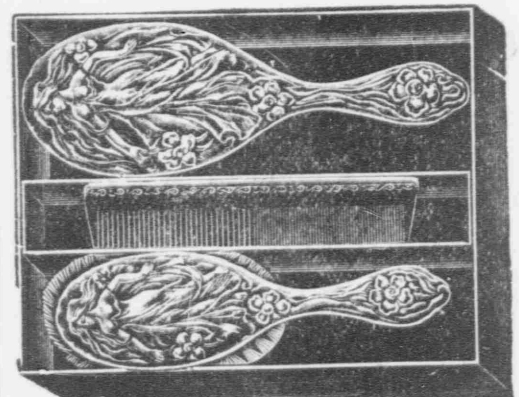
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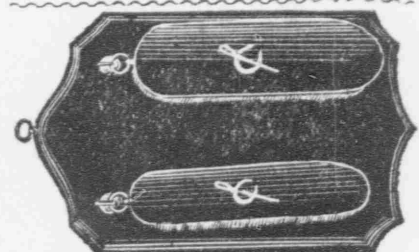


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Missionary, Rev. C. N. Pryor, First Baptist Northwest.

Th Baptist Sunday School Union is a duly incorporated body, under the laws of the District of Columbia.

Former Vice President Candidate (Democratic) H. G. Davis, of West Virginia, has offered to give twenty-five thousand dollars to the Y. M. C.